

BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 7.00pm.

Present: Councillors: Sue Clarke (Chair), John Bailey, Steven Burch, Paul Georghiades, Joanna De Groot-Marzec, and Judith Hart (Town Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr Jack Major (Teignbridge District Council), 2 members of the public, Tristan Snowsill candidate for the Devon County Council elections for Ashburton and Buckfastleigh & 1 child.

Press: None

25/01. Introduction and welcome to the Annual Town Meeting.

25/02. Apologies for absence: Cllrs Ron Fox, Sylvee Phillips and Steven Burch, Stuart Rogers (Teignbridge District Council for this meeting only) and John Nutley (Teignbridge District Council)

25/03. To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting held on 17th April 2024.

Signed by Paul Georghiades.

25/03. A review of Town Activities during the year and a look ahead to the future by Councillor Sue Clarke, Mayor of Buckfastleigh.

Summarised by Sue Clarke who highlighted the success and popularity of our new Christmas Lights, the refurbishment of the Valiant Soldier Visitors Centre and new street furniture to welcome visitors to the town, the latter of which was funded by the Government UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Sue thanked her fellow councillors, Town Council staff and Town Hall staff.

Action: Copy to be published on the Town Council website and social media page.

25/04. Public Question Time.

It was noted that Tristian is standing as the Labour Candidate and Jack as the Liberal Democrat Candidate in the forthcoming election.

Meeting Closed at 7.14pm and proceeded to the April Town Council meeting.